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(*c*) whether the scheme has been worked out in the Ramanathapuram district; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 6,700 schools.

(*b*) An allotment of Rs. 6,85,650 has been placed at the disposal of District Educational Officers for sanction of grants. It is expected that this amount will be utilised by 31st March 1958.

(*c*) Yes, Sir.

(*d*) Does not arise.

College of Integrated Medicine

* 683 *Q*.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to reorganise the courses in the College of Integrated Medicine; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The details are being worked out.

Minimum wages

* 684 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the fifteenth Indian Labour Conference held in July 1957 recommended to fix minimum wages for all industries; and

(*b*) if so, whether minimum wages are proposed to be fixed based on "norms" as recommended by the Labour Conference?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The Conference discussed the subject "Wage Policy during the Second Five-Year Plan" and recommended *inter alia* that minimum wages fixed should be "need based" and should ensure the human needs of the industrial workers irrespective of any other considerations. The Conference also suggested certain "Forms" to calculate minimum wages and recommended that they should guide all wage-fixing authorities including minimum wage committees. The norms recommended by the Conference will be brought to the notice of the wage fixing machinery in this State for adoption while fixing rates of wages for any scheduled employment in future.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : குறைந்த பட்ச ஊதியம் எவ்விதம் நிர்ணயிக்கப்படவேண்டும் என்பதைப்பற்றி 15-வது தொழிலாளர் மகா நாட்டில் ஆலோசனை செய்யப்பட்டதாக சொன்னார்கள். அதன் பிரகாரம் எந்தெந்த அடிப்படையில் குறைந்த பட்ச ஊதியம் நிர்ணயிக்கவேண்டும் என்று இங்குள்ள கமிட்டிகளுக்கு ஆலோசனை சொல்லுவார்களா ? அல்லது சட்டங்களை திருத்துவார்களா ?